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Foreword

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- changed "this European Standard" to "this document";
- changed any "EN ISO xxxx" references to "ISO xxxx" references;
- changed "section" to "Clause", if appropriate;
- definitions of IPS terms in body of text were moved to [Clause 3](#);
- [Clause 3](#) was reorganized based upon existing ContSys hierarchy;
- more description on conformance, data blocks, more examples in concept values and updated definition citations given in response.
- on implementation evidence from HL7 FHIR ®¹⁾, the requirement to require/enable the expression of the name data element as a single string as well as the structured representation to permit the natural way of expression in some eastern countries and facilitate cross-border use;
- 'Healthcare Provider' became an Attribute Collection data block, defined and positioned in [Clause 3](#) rather than be treated as a data type.
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Introduction

The goal of this document is to deliver a single, common International Patient Summary (IPS), comprising core content.

This document achieves that goal by defining a minimal yet non-exhaustive data set and its associated business rules. This document is implementation independent yet still supportive of any implementation by providing formal definition and clear description of a small data set. The primary input to the data set is the second revision of the European eHealth Network's (eHN) data set^[1], which, in turn, builds upon significant clinical input from the European Patients-Smart Open Services (epSOS) pilot project^[2].

This document defines the IPS, with the initial focus upon unplanned care across national borders. Starting from this focus, and building upon it, the specification is intended to be used and be useful in national and local applications and also to be supportive of both planned and unplanned care. The IPS is designed to provide clinical information to assist care across any jurisdictional border (e.g. local, regional, state/provincial, national). It emphasizes the data required and the associated business rules to support use and the necessary conformance of the use case for an international patient summary. Even though the data set is relatively small, there is no expectation that the full data set has to be realized for a conformant implementation or conformant specification to be produced. Such artefacts need not specify all the optional IPS elements, given that they should assure the openness and extensibility of the derived model.

The data set described is intended for global use beginning with a shared vision¹ from a collaboration between CEN /TC 251 and HL7®²⁾, but now involving five Standard Development Organizations each contributing artefacts to support the single solution IPS going forward. From the IPS reference model it is possible to derive a number of compliant logical models that constrain it, and these lead to implementable specifications, such as the IPS CDA and FHIR Implementation Guides. These guides are formalized in the HL7 CDA IG®²⁾ and HL7 IG®²⁾ and in the IHE IPS®²⁾ profile. The IPS Dataset is not bound by any terminology, although it does anticipate the use of the IDMP standard for medication. SNOMED®³⁾ International has provided a Global Patient Set for the IPS implementations. CEN has produced a separate Technical Specification^[3], that provides a European-specific guideline for IPS implementation, which can also be used as an example for other jurisdictions.

The 'International' element of the IPS emphasizes the need to provide generic solutions for global application moving beyond a particular region or country; consequently, wherever possible, reference is made to international standards, rather than local ones. However, different international contexts will offer a variety of requirements that need to be considered to ensure that patient safety is not compromised. The IPS is underpinned by ISO 13940, which is a system of concepts to support continuity of care^[4] and uses those concepts in the initial IPS scenario, which is fully described in [Annex A](#).

This document focuses upon the overall structure of the patient summary as well as the individual data elements that comprise it. The layout of this document (see [Table 1](#)) uses a hierarchy of levels (H0 to H7) to facilitate more detailed description with the purpose of supporting consistent implementation of the data set. The level 'H0' describes the IPS Document as a whole, whilst levels H1-H7 describe the IPS Data Blocks with attributes. Descriptors are added to each data element to better define the characteristics. The 'H0' level document structure and constraints will be described first, the components start with H1 (e.g. IPS Sections, IPS Attribute Collections).

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Table 1 — Description of IPS Data Set concepts and their hierarchical relationships

Descriptive hierarchy	H0	H1	H2 – H7
IPS Data Transfer Object	IPS Document	All possible IPS and the Non-IPS components are identified	Further detail is provided within the IPS Data Blocks' clauses
IPS Data Blocks	-	Individual IPS Sections, IPS Attribute Collections	Hierarchical description of data elements

The ordering of the IPS Data Blocks in this document is within three broad categories of Non-Clinical Data, Clinical Data and Metadata. This follows the eHDSI patient summary deployment project^[5] and here is used purely to help presentation. However, in practice it is recognized that individual attributes might appear in different categories depending on dynamic use rather than static classification.

As the amount of information for each data element is variable, and can be extensive, this document presents the information using a table with descriptors for each IPS Data Block; the table provides an overview of the hierarchical structure and its requirement with explicit links to more details using a consistent set of descriptors. Those attributes in the table that do not have a link to further detail are either self-explanatory or explained by the hierarchical context. Note, the order of sibling attributes is arbitrary and has no implication for implementations of this document. The name of the element is contextualized by the hierarchy so as to avoid any misunderstanding. For example, the term 'Device Type' will be used rather than just "Type" albeit that it refers to a data element positioned within the Medical Device IPS Data Block.

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1 Scope

This document defines the core data set for a patient summary document that supports continuity of care for a person and coordination of their healthcare. It is specifically aimed at supporting the use case scenario for 'unplanned, cross border care' and is intended to be an international patient summary (IPS). Whilst the data set is minimal and non-exhaustive, it provides a robust, well-defined core set of data items. The tight focus on this use case also enables the IPS to be used in planned care. This means that both unplanned and planned care can be supported by this data set within local and national contexts, thereby increasing its utility and value.

It uses the European Guideline from the eHN as the initial source for the patient summary requirements, then takes into consideration other international patient summary projects to provide an interoperable data set specification that has global application.

This document provides an abstract definition of a Patient Summary from which derived models are implementable. Due to its nature therefore, readers should be aware that the compliance with this document does not imply automatic technical interoperability; this result, enabled by this document, can be reached with the conformity to standards indicated in the associated technical specification and implementation guides.

This document does not cover the workflow processes of data entry, data collection, data summarization, subsequent data presentation, assimilation, or aggregation. Furthermore, this document does not cover the summarization act itself, i.e. the intelligence/skill/competence that results in the data summarization workflow.

It is not an implementation guide that is concerned with the various technical layers beneath the application layer. Implementation guidance for specifically jurisdictional concerns, e.g. Directives, terminologies, formats, etc., an example is specified in the associated Technical Specification^[3].

In particular, representation by various coding schemes, additional structures and terminologies are not part of this document. Terminology and its binding are addressed in Reference [3]. The Identification of Medicinal Products standards (abbreviated to IDMP) are the recommended target for the Medication Summary related to this document but, prior to IDMP's full implementation in practice, this IPS standard cannot insist in its use at this point in time and recognizes that interim schemes might be necessary until IDMP becomes established as a norm.

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